



The presence of Major Gen. Fred C. Ainsworth as the acting head of the War Department has strongly accentuated the fact that officers of the medical department of the army are unrestricted as to the height to which they may rise in the service. With both Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary Oliver out of the city, General Ainsworth, by direction of the President, has added to his duties as military secretary those of Acting Secretary of War.

Like Major Gen. Leonard Wood, now in command of the Philippines division, General Ainsworth entered the military service as a surgeon. It was not until he undertook to systematize the method of handling the records of what is now the record and pension division of the War Department, that he attracted the attention of the department officials.

Since introducing the card record system, in connection with this work, he has been advanced rapidly by legislative enactment until today he outranks the chief of staff, the officer who was supposed to have replaced the general commanding the army.

Personal Notes.

General Charles F. Humphrey, quartermaster general of the army, who started west on an inspection tour to last six weeks, took with him Thursday R. L. Fryer, his personal stenographer, a young man who is greatly admired in the service for his ability and level-headedness. Mr. Fryer is one of the youngest men in the service.

Capt. Frank McIntyre, acting chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, who has been making his home during the summer on the hills above Tenleytown, will return to his residence in this city on the first of the month. By reason of the illness of General Edwards, Captain McIntyre has been unable to avail himself of any leave during the hot spell.

W. M. Bard, of the Insular Bureau, will avail himself of a leave of absence that has been granted to begin August 27 and terminate September 25.

Another of the employees of this same bureau who has been granted leave is W. B. Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler will leave the office September 4 and not return until the first of October.

Col. George Colton, who has been named by the Insular Bureau for duty as collector of customs for Santo Domingo, is in the city availing himself of a short leave for rest and recreation. Colonel Colton still retains his position in the Philippine service as collector of customs of the port of Iloilo and is considered one of the most capable men in the service.

Among the employees of the Insular Bureau who returned to work during the past week, rejuvenated by the period of rest, were Miss L. B. Mannahee and L. V. Carmack, both of the correspondence division.

George K. Jenney, who is in charge of bookbinding in the office of the Secretary of War, started for Ohio yesterday for a month's vacation at his old home.

Fred W. Carpenter, private secretary to the Secretary of War, is expected back at the office before the close of the present week. Mr. Carpenter is still in the mountains of Idaho.

Word has been received at the department of D. E. Sharetts, of the disbursing office, is critical. He has been ill for some months, and but only recently removed to the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital accompanied by his wife and his brother.

Charles G. B. Conger, of the Military Secretary's office, who died last Tuesday, had been in the department over twenty years. At the time of his death he was in charge of the enrollment section of the archives division. Before entering the Government service he was engaged in the newspaper business in Michigan.

A. M. Sammon, of the paymaster general's office, left yesterday for a thirty days' leave of absence. He will spend the time at Ashbury Park, N. J.

J. Percy Townsend, of the military secretary's office, is at Martin's Vineyard, Mass., where he will remain throughout the month with relatives.

J. T. Enxioles, of the same office, is spending his vacation with his family at

Beach Haven, N. J. Mr. Enxioles is not only a hard worker for the Government, but after hours is an equally hard working man for the several fraternal orders to which he belongs.

Louis A. Rosafy, of the military secretary's office, with his wife and daughter, is spending a month at Mt. Vernon, Ill., the former home of Mrs. Rosafy.

George W. Pratt, chief of the regimental records division, will return from his annual leave next week. During his absence Dr. H. A. Johnson has been in charge of the division.

George E. Davis, of the Quartermaster General's Office, will leave for his home in Pennsylvania, September 1. He will be gone about ten days.

W. F. Hellen, who suffered an attack of cerebral hemorrhage last Monday is slowly improving. Mr. Hellen is connected with the claims branch.

Miss Mary B. Bond left Saturday for a vacation of twenty days. She will visit Baltimore, New York, and other points in the East. Miss Bond is employed in the returns branch of the Quartermaster General's Office.

L. R. Price, of the draftsman's division, has also been granted twenty days' leave, beginning Tuesday. He goes to his home in Ohio.

Miss Charlotte G. Curtin, of the barracks and quarters branch, will spend the next week on recuperating in Connecticut and possibly other New England States.

Miss Edith L. Welker, stenographer to Col. George Ruhlin, was on leave all of last week.

W. S. McFarlan, of the regular supplies branch, will be away from the office for about ten days, beginning tomorrow.

Miss Annie G. Davis, of the construction and repair branch, started on her leave last Monday, to be gone nearly a month.

Emil C. Schmeider, of the barracks and quarters branch, left for Chicago Monday to be gone twenty days.

A. B. Moreland, of the same branch, will spend a month in visiting points in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, winding up with a short stay in Chicago.

Benjamin L. Butcher, of the record branch, has gone to Atlantic City, where he will remain for twenty days.

W. C. Larkin, of the finance branch, quartermaster general's office, started on his vacation of twenty days last Monday.

Mrs. Mary R. Whiting, of the regular supplies branch, went to Brownsville, W. Va., last Wednesday to spend ten days with her children.

R. L. Jacobs, of the accounts branch, has been granted twenty days' leave beginning September 1.

Among those who have been the recipients of congratulations during the past week on account of the promotions accorded them by the department were Clarence A. Gooding, D. A. Delashmutt, Melville Jones and Miss Stella Hart.

Charles W. Reed, of the transport division, has obtained twenty days leave, beginning Wednesday, for an outing on the New Jersey coast with his father.

James O. R. Kuhn, Jr., of the claims branch, is enjoying twenty days' leave of absence.

D. J. Barton, of the accounts branch, will leave for New York on Monday, going by rail. From there he will go to Boston and return to Washington by water, after a short stop in Norfolk.

Mrs. Kate V. Ashby, of the returns branch, starts next week on a ten days' vacation.

In the draftsman division three of the employees have been granted twenty days' leave of absence each. James M. Stewart goes to Cleveland, Ohio, to Stone, to his home in Ohio; while the destination of Albert McCulloch has not been announced.

WILL PRACTICE LAW



CHARLES H. ENNIS,
Who Leaves the Government Printing
Office to Become an Attorney in
Seattle, Wash.

Govt. Printing Office

From printers returning from the Colorado Springs convention of the International Typographical Union, it is learned that at the present time 35,500 members of the union are working eight hours, 2,500 are under a nine-hour contract, and 4,700 are on strike. The expense of the strike to date has been approximately \$1,000,000. It was decided that the sum allowed members of the strike roll per week be not in excess of \$7 for single men and \$10 for married men, and that where men refuse to work because the amount earned does not equal the strike benefit, they be cut out from the benefit list entirely. The delegates from the local union report a delightful trip, and are enthusiastic in describing the entertainment afforded them by the Colorado printers.

James Platt's Death a Shock.

News of the death of James H. Platt, which occurred suddenly at his home in this city a few days ago, was received in the office with profound regret. Mr. Platt for many years was an employee of the j. b. division. He was prominently identified with union affairs, having represented Columbia Typographical Union at the Denver, Col., convention in 1899. Mr. Platt was also an active church worker. He was a member of the Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church, and was largely instrumental in the formation of the Men's Club of that church. The funeral took place on Tuesday from his residence, 721 East Capitol street. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

Many Accidents During Week.

Accidents have been numerous during the week, the list including a collision with an automobile, another with a horse and buggy, while another printer fell from his bicycle and broke his leg. While going home from work on his wheel, collided with an automobile. He was slightly injured about the body. Frank Hoover, of the Gazette division, was run down by a horse and buggy at the corner of Seventh and G streets northwest. He was knocked to the pavement, and sustained a serious injury. Marion B. Richmond, a keyboard operator on specifications, fell from his wheel and broke his leg. Owing to his age his friends regard the injury as serious.

Two Important Appointments.

Two important appointments have just been announced by the Public Printer. R. J. Allen, of the engineer department, has been made chief engineer, and will have direct supervision over the mechanical end of that department. This position will be subordinate to and come under the department in charge of Homer K. Collins, who is now superintendent of buildings. Fred W. Powers has been designated chief electrician, succeeding to the position made vacant by the resignation of W. H. Taylor. This position will also come under Superintendent Collins' department. Messrs. Allen and Powers are both efficient men. The new positions serve to give them handsome increases in salary, and they are being congratulated on their good luck by their many friends.

Must Go to Printers' Home.

George D. Colquitt, of the second division, who recently took his annual leave for the purpose of regaining his health, has found it necessary to again apply for admission to the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs. His application has been approved by the local union, and he will soon leave for the home. Mr. Colquitt has many friends among the printers of the office, who sympathize with him in his misfortune. He has gone to his old home in Tennessee for a short stay previous to going to Colorado Springs.

Night Force Foreman.

The night force now in operation in the Record division is in charge of Foreman C. B. Buchanan, with assistants, L. P. Kenny remains in charge of the day force in this division, with Charles B. Nelson and Arthur Coykendall as assistants.

New Machine Probationers.

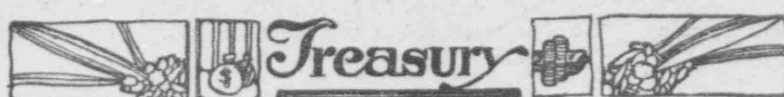
The latest probationers on the machines in the Record division are as follows: William C. Beddow, T. L. McEneaney, S. T. Westall, Hugh P. Griffin, Frank McDermott, M. N. Serrano, Jack Roberts, Frank Watson, Ed Hall, Robert Stenner, and George Brettenbach.

Has Lost His Wife.

T. J. McDonough, a well-known printer who has frequently worked in the office on temporary duty, had the misfortune to lose his wife on Saturday, whose death occurred suddenly. They were making preparations to spend a vacation at Atlantic City.

Two Going to Printers' Home.

Dennis L. Moynihan and W. B. Johnson, well-known printers connected with the local union, have been granted permission to enter the Union Printers' Home at Colorado Springs. They are both in bad health, the condition of Mr. Johnson being somewhat serious at the present time. They will leave for the home as soon as the preliminaries are



Mrs. F. B. Bates, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, is in Cecil county, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, for her annual vacation.

Mrs. F. M. Reed, of the office of the Auditor of the Interior, is at Chesapeake Beach for a vacation of some time.

Miss H. H. Esterly is spending her annual leave at Stonyman, in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia.

C. H. Butler, chief of diplomatic and consular division, Auditor for State, has gone on a fishing expedition to the upper Potomac.

A. O. Latham is at Atlantic City for an outing.

W. W. Scott, law clerk, office of the Auditor for State, has gone to Lenox, in the "Land of the Sky," for recreation.

E. J. Cohnan is off on annual leave.

M. J. Bunnell is up in New York State on leave of absence.

C. A. Phillips, office of Auditor for State, has gone to the mountains of West Virginia to rest up and escape the heat of the present month.

Robert L. Miller, one of the expert stenographers in the office of the Commissioner Internal Revenue, recently re-

completed. Mr. Johnson will go to Colorado Springs in a few days and there await the order for his admission.

Ennis to Hang Out Shingle.

Charles H. Ennis, who has been connected with the printing for a number of years as a proof reader, will soon leave for Seattle, Wash., where he will swing out his shingle as an attorney-at-law. Mr. Ennis has been an active worker for Columbia Typographical Union, serving at the head of the laws committee for a number of years. He enjoys a wide acquaintance among the employees of the office and there are many good wishes for his success in the far Western State.

Successful Amateur Photographer.

The printers boasts of many amateur photographers that are highly proficient in that art. Allen C. Clough, of the job room, is among the successful photographers. He won first prize last week in the photograph contest conducted by a local paper, the subject being picturesque farmhouses. Mr. Clough's picture was made in New Hampshire, his native State. Elmer E. Richards is another amateur whose work has attracted attention at the exhibits of the Washington Camera Club.

Ragan Henderson in Week.

Ragan Henderson, of the folding division, who spent a portion of his leave in Asheville, N. C., was one of the number injured in a railroad wreck a few days ago. He was on his way to Washington at the time the wreck occurred. He sustained several painful bruises about the body, but was able to continue his trip to this city. He is now in Atlantic City resting and recuperating, and will later go to Cape May for a short stay. Mr. Henderson carried an accident insurance policy for \$500.

Personal Notes.

Gen. J. H. Brinker, of the document division, has returned to his desk after an absence of two months, caused by illness. He spent the latter part of his leave in New York city.

John Cunningham, of the press room, is taking his annual vacation.

William A. Moore, the popular reference clerk of the document division, has gone to Ligonier Hill Inn, near Frederick, Md., where he will spend two weeks of his vacation.

George K. White, of the bindery, is on leave. He will spend his vacation in the vicinity.

L. A. Wisener, of the first division, has returned to the office after taking his annual vacation.

Miss Allie Trefis, copyholder in the specification division, is taking her vacation.

Charles A. Mullen, of the Gazette division, will leave in a few days.

W. F. Letzow, wife and daughter, are spending several days at Colonial Beach. Mr. Letzow is a popular employee of the main proof room.

Thomas F. Hering and D. J. McCarty, of the specification division, are still on the sick list.

Assistant Paymaster Wilver is again in the harness after spending a portion of his annual leave enjoying an outing.

Charles Elder, of the First division, is visiting in Maine.

C. D. Johnson, of the Fifth division, has returned to the office after a trip to Atlantic City and other points.

Dan Clark, of the Sixth division, has returned to his duties after spending several days pleasantly at his old home in Williamsport, Pa.

Louis Lippincott has been transferred from the Treasury division to the Sixth division of the main office, where he will operate a machine.

W. H. Singleton, of the bindery, and Henry H. Day, who recently sustained severe cuts on the hand, are rapidly recovering under the care of Dr. Manning.

Charles Grenacher, assistant doorman, who has been spending his vacation at Atlantic City and other points in New Jersey, in company with his wife, has returned to the office and resumed his duties.

M. L. Hurdle, of the document division, was in Norfolk, Va., during the week.

Howard Youngs, the popular and obliging timekeeper of the document division, is spending his vacation in New York city and other points in the State. He will visit his old home while there.

W. A. Kroll, of the folding division, has been transferred to the document division, his salary being increased to \$3 per day.

Stanley J. Murray, of the document division, left Friday for Colonial Beach,

signed to engage in outside business. "Bob" was a popular fellow and his many friends miss him and his jovial smile.

L. H. Lefevre is visiting his old home State, Minnesota, at this time.

Revenue Cutter Service Orders.

The following Revenue Cutter Service orders have been issued:

August 18—Capt. W. G. Ross, ordered to proceed to Arundel Cove, Md., on official business; First Lieut. F. C. Billard, ordered to proceed to Arundel Cove, Md., on official business.

August 20—First Lieut. S. P. Edmonds, granted twenty-seven days' leave to commence September 7; First Lieut. W. E. W. Hall, granted ten days' leave; Third Lieut. H. E. Rideout, granted fifteen days' leave, to commence September 3; Cadet Engineer G. W. Cairnes, ordered to the Chase; Second Lieut. Eben Barker, ordered to Mohawk, for temporary duty.

August 21—Chief Engineer Hermann Kotschewsky and First Assistant Engineer C. R. Root, ordered to Arundel Cove, Md., to inspect the steam machinery of the Itasca.

August 22—Capt. F. G. F. Wadsworth, assigned to duty as inspector of labor and material for No. 15, Revenue Cutter Service, building at the works of Puget Sound, Washington; Chief Engineer J. H. Schoenborn, ordered to proceed to Christy Park, Pa., on inspection duty.

where he will spend fifteen days of his vacation.

D. H. Andrews, of the specification division, went on leave during the week.

A. B. Hughes, of the specification division, is taking his vacation.

James McKinnon, of the folding division, has returned to the office after spending his vacation at his old home in South Carolina.

John Williams, of the sixth division, is with the "everybody happy" crowd at the annual beach. He reports an enjoyable trip.

Upton S. Howser, of the specification division, is taking his annual leave.

Sam Edmunds, of the Record proof room, was at Colonial Beach on Wednesday and accompanied his wife to the city. Mrs. Edmunds spent several days very pleasantly at the Beach.

Sumner P. Belcher, of the specification division, was among the number granted leave during the week.

George A. Carney is taking his annual vacation.

M. B. Richmond was granted leave Thursday, taking the entire thirty days.

C. C. Koehl, of the specification division, has gone to Maryland and West Virginia, where he will hunt and fish for several days.

Miss Alice Hoover, a popular clerk in the document division, is taking her vacation and will go to New York, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City for a three weeks' trip.

Public Printer Stillings will leave the first of the week for a vacation, which will be spent at points in the East. He will probably be gone about three weeks.

W. A. Mitchell, operator on specifications, is on leave. Accompanied by his wife he will spend two weeks at Atlantic City, and the remainder of his vacation at his old home in Raleigh, N. C.

Horace W. Whitaker, proof reader on specifications, is taking his vacation. In company with his brother, who is now visiting him, he will go to Atlantic City to spend several days.

William A. Miller, former assistant foreman in the bindery, is at his home in Minneapolis, Minn.

Chief Inspector Brown is expected to return to the office from his vacation the first of the week.

Kane Mahony, of the second division, has resumed his duties at the office after a delightful trip to his old home in Troy, N. Y., and side trips that included Lake George and Saratoga.

J. R. McKelvey and William Dawson, proof readers employed in the main proof room, attended the Grand Army encampment in Minneapolis last week. They never fail to attend the encampments, both being Union veterans. They also never fail to have a jolly good time.

PRESSMAN'S LONG VACATION.

When the delegates to the convention of the International Typographical Union, which has just closed its session at Colorado Springs, were in the city a few days ago there was much story telling and an old but good one was related and told at the expense of James Sheridan, foreman of an Chronicle pressroom. Sheridan is looked upon as being one of the foremost pressmen in the city, and he is now the best of foremen, and it is told of him that he never discharged a man. He had other stories of giving expression to his disapproval of acts of pressmen which he did not think was just what they should be.

One day some years ago when one of his men had "gone wrong" he went to him and said: "I'm not going to discharge you, but I think a little rest will do you good. I have decided to give you a vacation for two years."

"All right, old man," the pressman said, "everything goes with you."

He went to the sink, washed up, donned his street clothes, and walked out of the building. Sheridan thought the incident closed and congratulated himself on the diplomatic manner in which he had got rid of the trouble.

Two years to a day from this happening the pressman who had been given the vacation walked into the pressroom.

"Well, here I am, Jim," he said. "I'm not here to stay, but I'm here to stay. No matter at all" was the reply. "Don't you remember that you gave me a two years' vacation? Well, the time is up today and I'm here to report for duty."

"Take off your coat and go to work," the foreman said. The pressman is one of his trusted assistants to this day.—Chicago Chronicle.

INDIA'S TELEGRAPH PLANT.

The telegraph plant of India has a method all its own for catching the sunshine. Each of the leaves is composed of three leaflets.

The larger terminal one erects itself during the day and turns sharply down at night, while the other two similar leaflets move constantly day and night, thus bringing every part of every leaflet to the full action of the sunlight.

Northeast WASHINGTON

A well-attended meeting of Unity Council, No. 2, Independent Order of the Sons of Jonadab, was held in McJord Hall, corner Eighth and I streets northeast, Wednesday evening. Worthy Chief B. M. Wildman presided. After the transaction of regular business affairs, an excellent good-of-the-order program was rendered, James A. Dee, presiding. W. J. Creamer sang an original song, and several musical offerings were given by William G. Grier and Jesse M. Watt. Short addresses were made by Grand Chief John C. Daley, J. J. Kilman, W. A. Blackstock, M. J. O'Day, Phil Weber, George D. Baird, G. W. Hill, J. Kellner, and several others.

Foot Crushed in Accident.

While playing on the sidewalk in front of 641 street northeast, Mildred Lee, a six-year-old girl, whose home is at 758 Sixth street northeast, was painfully injured by a terra cotta pipe falling from a pile near the sidewalk on her foot. The instant and three toes of the foot were crushed.

Outing at River View.

The members of the congregation of St. Joseph's Church and their friends enjoyed a delightful outing to River View last Tuesday.

Capitol Hill Wedding.

Miss Madge C. Shomo, a popular young lady of Northeast Washington, who has a large circle of friends on Capitol Hill, was married last week to George H. Smith.

Funeral of Carl Volten.

Funeral services over the remains of Carl T. Volten, were held Wednesday afternoon from his late home. Services were conducted at the house by the Rev. Mr. Brodthagen, and at the grave in Rock Creek Cemetery by members of Harmony Lodge, No. 9, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The pallbearers were Messrs. Hahn, Fugitt, Kallert, Sylvester, and Drs. Gates and Helms. Besides being an Odd Fellow, Mr. Volten was a charter member of the Corcoran Cadet Corps, and two years ago, he received a silver medal for fifteen years' service. He is survived by his wife and a son, nine years of age.

Funeral of J. H. Platt.

The funeral services of James H. Platt, were held at his home, 721 East Capitol street, last Tuesday. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Maxwell, pastor of Waugh Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Platt was one of the founders of the Waugh Brotherhood for several years. For more than twenty years, he was an employee of the Government Printing Office, but for the past several years, he had suffered from ill health.

Mr. Platt is survived by a wife and daughter, who are now visiting in the British Isles, and who have not yet received knowledge of his death.

Real Estate and Building.

F. A. Chism has purchased the property at 418 Tenth street northeast from George Palmer. The sale price was \$3,000.

S. J. Kuebel will soon have constructed a one-story addition to his premises, 3 Fourth street northeast. The cost of the improvement is estimated at \$2,600.

Charles Boyd has sold his property at 1119 G street northeast.

Blaze in a Dwelling.

A blaze that gave the firemen considerable trouble occurred last Monday night, when a sofa in the house of Walter Queen, 20 Jackson street northeast, caught fire. The flames quickly spread over the house and had gained considerable headway when the firemen arrived on the scene. The occupants were badly frightened, but no one was injured. The damage amounted to about \$20.

People of the Northeast.

Mrs. Alexander Long is entertaining Miss Eliza Boyle, of Philadelphia, Pa.

William and John Dougherty, of East Capitol street, have returned after visits to Ocean City and Asbury Park, respectively. Mrs. Dougherty has returned from a trip through New York.

Mrs. Sears, of H street, is on a trip to Boston, where she will spend several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunington, of R street northeast, are spending their vacation at Atlantic City. Before returning home they will visit New York and Coney Island.

After a delightful three weeks' stay at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., Miss Elsie Hopkins and her sister, Mrs. George W. Tayman, have returned to the city.

Mrs. Marston, of Maryland avenue northeast, is spending several weeks at Old Point Comfort and Norfolk, Va. Before returning home she will make a short stop in Baltimore.

J. R. Mayer, of Fourth street northeast, is spending his vacation in Georgia.

After a delightful visit to Miss Ruth Tate, of Capitol Hill, Miss Regina Kimball, of Clark county, Va., has returned to her home.

Following a visit of two weeks with relatives in Roanoke, Va., Fred H. Pitzer, of East Capitol street, has returned to his home.